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Donovan Flies To Havana

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James B. Donovan, New York attorney who negotiated the ransom of the 113 Bay of Pigs invasion prisoners, returned to Havana today in an attempt to free 23 Americans held in Fidel Castro prisons.

Donovan departed from Miami International Airport at 9:47 a.m. aboard the personal DC-3 executive aircraft of Juan Trippe, president of Pan American World Airways.

Mrs. Berta Barreto, in whose Havana home Donovan stayed during prisoner ransom negotiations, said she had received telephone clearance from the Castro government for Donovan's return to Havana.

Meanwhile, 1,281 men, women and children who arrived from Cuba yesterday were settling down today in the homes of relatives and friends in the Miami area.

The Shirley Lykes brought 170 men, women and children yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon another 111 arrived aboard a Pan American Airways plane.

The exiles told of steadily

worsening conditions in Cuba and many said that the Fidel Castro government turns daily more and more into a police state.

Those who arrived on the Shirley Lykes yesterday had a rough 12-hour voyage. An angry sea, with waves sometimes as high as 8 feet, buffeted the new freighter, and many of the passengers were seasick.

Their morale was high, however.

Carole Seber, a Red Cross nurse from Miami, who was with the exiles aboard the ship, said she had enlisted the aid of a bilingual refugee to enforce a no-smoking rule below decks.

"He shouted something in Spanish," Miss Seber related, "and everybody laughed."

"Then I found out that he had jokingly told them I was one of Castro's block captains and they'd better do what I said."